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25X1 4. [ ] Ed Bauser, Executive Director of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, called and asked if we could have someone come up today to brief him on "what the Chinese and French are doing." He said that one of the Senate members of the Committee mentioned that there was some recent information on this subject and Bauser wanted to know what they were doing in preparing for nuclear testing. I told Bauser that this was probably a spinoff from Senator Symington's statement during Secretary-designate Richardson's confirmation hearing today at the Senate Armed Services Committee. (Senator Symington said he was shocked by Mr. Helms' testimony yesterday that China is becoming a super power in missiles.) Bauser acknowledged that this was probably what his Senator was talking about and asked if someone could brief George Murphy, of the Committee staff, and himself this afternoon.

After checking with Mr. Duckett, DD/S&T, I advised Bauser it was impossible to arrange something on such short notice and we agreed that I would drop by to talk to Murphy and him about the situation tomorrow morning. I also advised Bauser and Murphy that we had no evidence to support the story that appeared in the Nuclear Engineering International magazine which Murphy had asked us about yesterday.

25X1 5. [ ] Called Carl Marcy, Chief of Staff, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, regarding his request for the appearance of the Director before the Committee next week. He asked us to hold the morning of Wednesday, 17 January, open until he could clear this with the Chairman. He agreed with my suggestion that the Director plan to cover Soviet and Chinese strategic weapons developments, and the situation in the Middle East and Indochina. He said he would be back in touch to confirm the arrangements Thursday or Friday.

25X1 6. [ ] Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, said he was not sure when the Committee will take up the confirmation of Mr. Schlesinger but it would not be before tomorrow afternoon and probably not until Thursday. Braswell will call around 11:00 a.m. tomorrow to let me know how the hearings on Richardson and Clements are progressing. He said the Committee would very probably go into executive session where matters of conflict of interest might be raised. He said the Committee's final vote on the confirmation might not be known until the end of the week or next week. In the absence of Mr. Schlesinger, I passed this information on to his secretary.

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